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1. SUMMARY - TAIWAN PAPERS CONTINUED MODERATE PLAY  
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S THIRD-DAY ACTIVITIES WITH LARGEST-  
CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS WARNING MORE APPARENTLY  
INVOLVED THAN ROUTINE DISCUSSIONS; KISSINGER MAY BE  
PLAYING DIPLOMATIC TRICKS TO BOOST FORD'S ELECTION  
POSITION AND ROC MUST GUARD AGAINST SUDDEN CHANGES.  
END SUMMARY.

2. TAIWAN PAPERS CONTINUED MODERATE PLAY SECRETARY  
KISSINGER'S THIRD-DAY PEKING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING  
REPORTS NOVEMBER DATE SET FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT  
PLUS REPORTED MOSCOW CRITICISM KISSINGER'S SUPPOSED  
ANTI-SOVIET STANCE IN PEKING.

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3. LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000)

WARNED ALTHOUGH KISSINGER REPORTEDLY EXPECTS PROGRESS  
BUT NO BREAKTHROUGHS, ROC MUST BE MOST VIGILANT SINCE  
EITHER PROGRESS OR BREAKTHROUGH WOULD INJURE ROC.  
FOLLOWING EVIDENCE SHOWS TRIP INVOLVING MORE THAN  
ROUTINE DISCUSSIONS: (1) CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S UNPRECEDENTEDLY  
LARGE BANQUET FORETOLD SOME NEW COMMUNIST DESIGNS,  
(2) KISSINGER'S REITERATION GREAT SIGNIFICANCE U.S.  
ASSIGNS TIES WITH PRC SEEMED UNUSUAL, (3) WHY SHOULD  
CHIAO KUAN-HUA ATTACK U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE EVEN THOUGH  
HE KNEW ATTACK IMPRACTICAL AND EXCESSIVE, (4) DOES RUMOR  
SENATOR SCOTT BECOMING FIRST U.S. AMBASSADOR IF PRC  
RECOGNIZED REFLECT POLITICAL PROBING BY FORD'S INNER  
CIRCLE OR SOMEONE AT STATE DEPARTMENT? (5) KISSINGER  
MAY BE PLAYING DIPLOMATIC TRICKS TO BOOST FORD'S  
ELECTION POSITION. WE SINCERELY HOPE U.S.-PEIPING  
RELATIONS WILL FOREVER REMAIN AT PRESENT LEVEL; BUT  
WE MUST GUARD AGAINST ANY SUDDEN CHANGES.

4. KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (270,000)  
REGRETTED THAT MANY AMERICANS, OCCUPIED WITH IDEA  
OF SETTING MAOISTS AGAINST SOVIETS, FORGET COMMUNIST  
COLLUSIONS. THEY ALSO EXAGGERATE MAOIST-SOVIET  
CONFRONTATION BUT NEGLECT CONSTANT MAOIST HOSTILITY  
TOWARDS U.S. THIS U.S. PSYCHOLOGICAL ANOMALY HAS  
DEPRIVED AMERICANS OF SENSIBLE STANDARD IN JUDGING  
COMMUNIST CHINA. WHAT MAOISTS AIM TOWARD IS U.S.-  
SOVIET NUCLEAR WAR WITH PRC ONLY BENEFICIARY.  
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